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SUBJECT: PIK BOTHA REPLIES TO HODDING CARTER ON ANGOLAN OPERATION

1. THE CAPE TIMES OF MAY 12 CARRIED AS ITS LEAD STORY UNDER
THE HEADLINE "U.S. TELLS S.A. : NO MORE RAIDS," A REPORTED
COMMENT BY HODDING CARTER THAT THE ANGOLAN RAID WAS "UNFORTUNATE"
AND "WE HAVE URGED THAT IT NOT BE REPEATED." THE AFTERNOON
ARGUS OF THE SAME DATE CARRIED AS ITS LEAD STORY FOREIGN MINISTER
PIK BOTHA'S REJOINDER, UNDER THE HEADLINE: "U.S. STANCE ON
S.A. RAID ATTACKED." FOLLOWING IS THE COMPLETE TEXT OF BOTHA'S
REMARKS, AS REPORTED IN THE ARGUS:

QUOTE: I FIND IT STRANGE THAT MR HODDING CARTER, THE STATE
DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SHOULD FIND SOUTH AFRICA'S TIMING OF THE
RAID "UNFORTUNATE," BUT THAT HE DOES NOT FIND
IT UNFORTUNATE THAT SWAPO TERRORISTS ARE KILLING INNOCENT
CIVILIANS IN SOUTH WEST AFRICA.

THROUGHOUT A YEAR OF LONG DISCUSSIONS I HAVE PERSONALLY URGED
THE FIVE WESTERN GOVERNMENTS TO DO THEIR UTMOST TO PERSUADE SWAPO
TO STOP ITS VIOLENCE.

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THE FIVE WESTERN NATIONS KNOW VERY WELL WHAT SWAPO IS UP TO
IN THE TERRITORY. THEY ALL HAVE INTELLIGENCE SERVICES. THEY
MUST BE IN POSSESSION OF THE FACTS.

THEY KNOW SWAPO IS PLANNING TO STEP UP THE VIOLENCE IN THE TERRITORY.

THE TIME HAS COME FOR THE FIVE WESTERN GOVERNMENTS TO INFORM
THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT WHETHER THEY SUPPORT SWAPO
TERRORISM AND WHETHER THEY REJECT ANY ACTION ON THE PART OF
THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT TO END THAT TERRORISM.

THIS IS WHAT IS AT ISSUE AT THE MOMENT. UNQUOTE.
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